

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, facsimile no. (703) 872-8308, on the date shown below.

Dated: February 3, 2004 Signature Kevin J. Canning
(Kevin J. Canning)

#7/B
LB
2/17/04
Docket No.: SMQ-036RCE
(P5025)
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Robert P. St. Pierre

Application No.: 09/696274

Filed: October 25, 2000

For: PROTOCOL FOR A REMOTE CONTROL
DEVICE TO ENABLE CONTROL OF
NETWORK ATTACHED DEVICES

Art Unit: 2681

Examiner: D. Nguyen

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

FEB 05 2004

OFFICIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 (Paper No. 4), finally rejecting claims 1-27, and in consideration of the Request For Continuing Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-15, 17-18 and 21-22 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No new claims have been added, thus claims 1-27 are presently pending. No new matter has been added.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

02/17/2004 LBADIE 00000004 120080 09696274

02 FC:1201 86.00 DA
03 FC:1202 126.00 DA